

## HOWLAND'S

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The Weather—Snow predicted for tomorrow; fair tonight.

LEE CHOSE TO  
HELP GOVERN  
TAX LEAGUE

This Done, Assurance Is  
Given that the Organiza-  
tion is Free from Politics  
League Under Suspicion at  
Present Time, But Must  
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"There is to be no politics in this organization," was the statement of the taxpayers' league last night. The words did not have a chance to get cold before the members from the seventh district retired and nominated ex-Mayor Henry Lee as a member of the executive committee which is to guide the organization. The former mayor was elected with the rest of the directors when the secretary cast one ballot for the 24 men nominated.

There were hints dropped by members that there was to be no getting support from the city or in any attempt to help the present administration undo the "tax barn surrender" of the "taxer grab."

First Vice President Robert Hurley presided over the meeting, which was called to order by the president, Jerome Orcutt, and Mr. Hurley greeted to the members of the various districts that they endeavor to select one Democrat and one Republican to represent each district on the executive board.

But of the 24 members elected to the committee 11 are on the Republican primary list and have been prominently identified with the Republican party.

The result of the election is as follows: First district—F. W. Read, Republican; C. S. Canfield, Democrat.

Second district—Horne Figg, Republican; Jeremiah Kelly, J. J. Democrat.

Third district—Charles H. Fancher, Democrat; Clarence D. Anderson, Republican.

Fourth district—Eugene B. Peck, Democrat; S. E. Vincent, Republican.

Fifth district—B. D. Pierce, Democrat; Willis F. Hobbs, Republican.

Sixth district—Joseph Stoehr, Republican; William Lattin, Jr., Republican.

Seventh district—Henry Lee, Republican; Sanford Stoddard, Democrat.

Eighth district—O. Howard Hall, Republican; L. C. Willis, Republican.

Ninth district—John J. Phelan, Democrat; Charles R. Ayres, Republican.

Tenth district—Henry Setzer, Republican; Louis Kutcher, Jr., Democrat.

Eleventh district—James Feeley, Democrat; E. J. Loran, Republican.

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The fifth and twelfth districts had the largest delegations and sent about 20 of the delegates filed out of the room to go into caucus they were applauded.

The man who had the privilege of selecting the delegates from the tenth district was Michael Roman of 124 Ann street.

Horace Pigg of the second district addressed the meeting, saying it was about time that the members of the league decided whether it was willing to pay for the expenses of running the organization. He thought that the cost of dues should be decided upon at the meeting last night.

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American Girl Abroad—Trafton.  
Mary J. Holmes's stories.  
Mrs. Southworth's stories.

Former Town Clerk Robert Weber will have trouble this year to get his liquor license for Steeplechase Island renewed, as the Bridgeport Steeplechase Island Company, through their attorney, A. R. Beebe, have filed a remonstrance with the county commissioners against the application, alleging the place is unsuitable in that Mr. Weber is not the owner of any of the property where he desires to locate, and has forfeited his lease to the property where he formerly conducted his establishment. Proceedings are now going on in the courts to eject him from the premises, as the petitioner is the lessee of the property.

Under the old license law, Weber took out his license for the last six months of the year, thus getting a reduction in the price of the license by half. Under the new law the applicant must take out a license for the full year, though business is done in less than six of the twelve months.

and residue of his estate he leaves to his wife, Carrie L. Schleicher. The testator was well known, having been the employer of the George C. Batteller Co. for many years. Several years ago he was one of the city's crack bicyclists. He succumbed to lung trouble after a long illness.